

Binational forum on Air and Wastes

Place: Olimpo Room, Cibeles Convention Center, Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua

Date: September 8th and 9th, 2004

Objectives: Discuss the current problems related to used vehicles and waste management on the border, including socioeconomic impacts, experience with available management technologies, current legal framework and options for strengthening the institutional coordination and binational cooperation needed to achieve comprehensive solutions.

Roundtable 1 Used Vehicles

Objective: Present an overview of the problem caused by the importation of used vehicles from the United States into Mexico, addressing its scope and socioeconomic, environmental, and urban impacts, as well as proposed solutions that are viable from an environmental, economic and legal standpoint.

Expected results: Recommend strategies based on institutional coordination and on strengthening available legal measures available in Mexico (customs, economic and environmental), which will allow for solutions to the problems caused by the existing vehicle fleet and the used car market on the border, in terms of air quality and waste generation.

PROGRAM

Roundtable 1: USED VEHICLES

Co-Chair: Carlos Rincon, Environmental Defense-EI Paso

Co Chair: Alma Leticia Figueroa, General Director of Ecology and Civil Protection of the Municipality of Juarez

Wednesday September 8th, 2004

08:30-09:00	Registration
09:00-09:10	Introduction of Participants Master of Ceremonies
09:10-09:20	Welcoming Remarks Jesus Alfredo Delgado Mayor of Juárez

Group 1

Moderators:

Carlos Rincón, Environmental Defense-EI Paso

- 09:20-09:30 Objectives of the Forum and Air Quality in Mexican border cities: the case of Juarez (Tijuana and Mexicali)
-Mexico's Perspectives: Sergio Sanchez, Semarnat
-Unites States' Perspective: TBD
- 09:30-09:35 Break
- 09:35-09:50 Used Vehicles and Human Health in border cities-case study
Mauricio Hernandez, Deputy General Director of the Center of Health Population Research
- 09:50-10:10 Transportation Systems in border cities and its urban impact
Salvador Gonzalez, Advisor of the Municipal Institute of Planning and Research of Juarez
- 10:10-10:20 Break

Group 2

Moderators:

Roberto Cano Hermosillo, Secretary of Urban Development and Ecology of the Government of Chihuahua Pending (Customs)

- 10:20-10:40 Situation and growing trends of the vehicle park in Mexican border cities
Gerardo Tarin, Director of Environmental Regulations of the City of Juarez
- 10:40-11:00 Market of used vehicles in the border, trends and perspectives. Economic and Social Impact of the border trade of used cars, National Chamber of Trade
- 11:00-11:20 Current schemes of importation of used cars
Maria Lourdes Acuña, General Director of Foreign Trade of the Secretary of Economy
- 11:20-11:40 General Discussion
- 11:40-12:00 Break
- 12:00-13:30 Lunch
Key Note Speaker
Angelica Fuentes
General Director of *Grupo Imperial*
Importance of waste recycling from used cars**

Group 3

Moderators:

Carlos de la Parra, Director of the Office of Semarnat at the Mexican Embassy in Washington
Arturo Espinoza, Secretary of Infrastructure and Urban Development of the Government of Baja California

- | | |
|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 13:30-14:00 | Current Legislation on Final Disposal of Used Cars in the State of Texas
Gus de la Rosa, Texas Department of Transportation |
| 14:00-14:30 | Current Legislation and Final Disposal of Used Cars in the State of California
Claudia Villacorta, CAL/BECC |
| 14:30-15:00 | Environmental and Road and Highway Legislation and Final Disposal in the State of Chihuahua; the case of Juarez in its coordination with the State and Federal levels |
| 15:00-15:30 | Environmental and Road and Highway Legislation and Final Disposal in the State of Baja California; the case of Tijuana and its coordination with the State and Federal levels |
| 15:30-16:00 | Environmental and Road and Highway Legislation and Final Disposal in the State of Baja California; the case of Mexicali and its coordination with the State and Federal levels |
| 16:00-16:15 | Break |

Group 4

Moderators:

Jose Treviño, Delegate of Semarnat in Chihuahua
Robert (Bob) Currey, University of Texas at El Paso

- | | |
|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 14:15-14:45 | Case Study: Toward a Regional Harmonized Program for the States of Texas, New Mexico and Texas ((Homologation of Used Vehicles)
Alma Leticia Juarez, General Director of Ecology and Civil Protection of the Municipality of Juárez |
| 14:45-15:15 | Initiative on used vehicles importation in Mexico
Representative Maria Avila, Member of the Environmental and Natural Resources Commission of the Mexican Congress |
| 15:15-15:45 | Development of a comprehensive strategy for inspection and control of used vehicles
Adrian Vazquez, General Attorney's Office of Environmental Protection |
| 15:45-16:15 | General Discussion |
| 16:15-16:45 | Next steps
Carlos Rincon, Environmental Defense |
| 16:45-17:15 | Closing words
Bill Luthans, USEPA
Sergio Sanchez, Semarnat |

Roundtable 2- Wastes

Mexican Co-Chair: Daniel Chacon, General Director of Hazardous Wastes, Ministry of Environment of Mexico (Semarnat)

US Co-Chair: Matt Hale, Director of the Office of Waste, USEPA and Co-Chair of the Forum of Waste Policy of Border 2012

Objective: Present an overview of the problems associated with the different types of waste (municipal, industrial, hazardous, non-hazardous and special management) along the U.S-Mexico border, from an environmental and competitive standpoint.

Expected results: Recommend strategies through institutional coordination regarding generation and identification of waste, as well as for identifying existing legal and illegal disposal sites, recycling markets, technologies for waste recovery, transportation routes and transboundary movement.

ROUNDTABLE 2-WASTES

Program

Thursday September 9

Group 1

Moderators:

Javier Cabrera, Deputy General Manager, Border Environment Cooperation Commission

Joe King, Director of Camino Real Environmental Center

- | | |
|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 09:00-09:20 | Introduction from the perspectives of the U.S. and Mexico
-Mexican Co-Chair: Daniel Chacón
-U.S. Co Chair: Matt Hale |
| 09:20-09:50 | Problems with municipal solid waste and regional solutions
Adolfo Urias
Director of Operations
Border Environment Cooperation Commission
Municipal solid waste and waste requiring special management |
| 09:50-10:20 | Regulatory framework for waste management
Mexican Institutional Perspective-Pending speaker from Semarnat
Sergio Bustamante, Lex-Corp Attorneys
Private Sector Perspective |
| 10:20-10:40 | Valorization of the wastes
Cristina Cortinas, Environmental Consultant |
| 10:40-11:10 | Technological aspects, management and recycling
Jaime Sancho y Cervera
General Director for Land Use
Ministry of Social Development (Sedesol); |

11:10-11:20	Break
11:20-11:40	Presentation of the National Crusade for a “Clean Mexico” and of the National Network of Environmental Promoters for the Preservation and Comprehensive Management of Urban Solids Sandra Denise Herrera Flores, Semarnat
11:40-12:10	Urban Solid Waste Management, International Experience of GTZ Gunther Wehenohl, GTZ Company
12:10-12:40	Successful experience of Generation of Electricity by the Metropolitan System of Solid Wastes Processing of Nuevo Leon (Simeprodeso) Ovideo A. Elizondo Treviño General Director of Simeprodeso
12:40-13:10	Hazardous Waste Management and Disposition; the Mexican Experience Daniel Chacon, Semarnat
13:10-13:40	Hazardous Management and Disposition; the US Experience Matt Hale, USEPA
13:40-13:55	General Discussion
13:55-14:00	Break
14:00-16:00	Lunch, with the participation of the Secretary of the Environment and Natural Resources and United States Environmental Protection Agency.
14:00 – 14:05	Words by Juan Rafael Elvira Quesada, Subsecretary for Environmental Promotion
14:05 – 14:15	Francisco Giner de los Rios, Subsecretary of Regulatory Affairs Presentation on the Clean Air Initiative
14:15 – 14:30	Sergio Sanchez Martinez, Director General of Air Programs, Presentation on the outcome of the Used Vehicles Table
14:30 – 14:45	Daniel Chacon Anaya, Director General of Waste Programs, Presentation on the outcome of the Waste Table
14:45 – 14:55	Matt Hale, Director, Office of Waste Outcome of the Waste Table
14:55 – 15:05	Ing. Alberto Cardenas Jimenez, Secretariat for Environment and Natural Resources Patricio Martinez Garcia, Governor, State of Chihuahua

Group 2

Moderators:

Cristina Cortinas, Environmental Consultant
Jorge Castillo, TCEQ

15:30 Successful Mexican Experiences on Controlled Confinements
 Fernando Paez, RIMSA
 US Experiences on energy generation with wastes
 Wayne Rodrigue, Alternative Energy Partners

 Technological Experiences on Waste Management in the USA
 Joe King, Director of Camino Real Environmental Center
 Leif Erickson, Waste Control Specialists

 General Discussion

 Break

Roundtable to Discuss Conclusions

Closing remarks